



H.R. 2 Democrats' Failed Approach on School Construction

WHERE REPUBLICANS STAND:

- The Democrats' school construction provisions in H.R. 2 will result in **increased costs to taxpayers, increased costs to states and school districts, and onerous new requirements for the entire education community**, all in exchange for limited grants to a handful of school districts. This is the same, old approach that's failed for decades.
- Instead of pushing more red tape and recklessly spending taxpayer dollars to advance bad ideas, Republicans believe in giving communities the tools they need to unleash innovation, investment, and revitalization, with the flexibility to tailor local solutions for local challenges.

DEMOCRATS' FAILED APPROACH WILL:

- **TIE SCHOOLS' HANDS WITH FEDERAL MANDATES.** Democrats are promising a massive overhaul of public school facilities to the tune of **\$130 billion – with absolutely nothing to offset the sky-high price tag**. Additionally, states and school districts will have to jump through numerous hoops just to receive funding.
 - These onerous directives include a vast, expensive database of information on every public school in the state and issuing new regulations down to the appropriate level of noise for construction projects.
- **PUSH A RADICAL GREEN NEW DEAL.** To appease the far-left factions of their party, Democrats are also attempting to make the radical Green New Deal a reality in this bill. **Schools will face extensive additional costs in complying with the onerous "green" requirement.** In fact, those costs could exceed the funding schools are being offered.
 - The percentage of construction and renovation projects that must be certified "green" begins at 60 percent in FY 2020 and rises to 100 percent in FY 2024.
- **DENY FAMILIES EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM.** Democrats continue their attack on educational freedom by denying funds for public charter school facilities that are operated by a for-profit entity. By **making it increasingly difficult for charter schools to access these funds, Democrats are unfairly handpicking how funds will be allocated to the schools of their choosing.**
 - Charter schools help ALL children, including minorities, receive a high-quality education.

BOTTOM LINE: The school construction provisions in H.R. 2 are the wrong answer for students, teachers, and their communities. Democrats are pushing empty promises, more bureaucratic red tape, and further control from Washington elites.